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1. HUNTINGTON SPENT AUG 16-18 IN SANTIAGO, SPOKE BEFORE TWO GROUPS, MET INDIVIDUALLY WITH IMPORTANT CHILEANS, AND APPARENTLY FOUND VISIT USEFUL FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW. WE FOUND HUNTINGTON TO BE EXCELLENT SPEAKER AND DISCUSSANT, COOPERATIVE, FRIENDLY AND RELAXED THROUGHOUT. HIS VISIT ENABLED MISSION TO MAKE FIRST ENTREE INTO MILITARY EDUCATIONAL CHANNELS WHICH WE HOPE TO FOLLOW UP ON AND ENLARGE.

2. FIRST GROUP HUNTINGTON SPOKE TO CONSISTED OF 72 MILITARY OFFICERS OF THREE ARMED FORCES WAR COLLEGES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE GENERAL STAFF. ARMY OFFICERS WERE OF COLONEL, LT. COLONEL AND MAJOR RANKS, AIR FORCE COLONEL AND LT. COLONEL, AND NAVY LIEUTENANTS. NO CARABINEROS (UNIFORMED NATIONAL POLICE) PRESENT; CARABINEROS HAS NO WAR COLLEGE AS SUCH BUT DOES OPERATE AN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES WHICH IT HOPES TO EXPAND INTO WAR COLLEGE-TYPE INSTIUTION. TOPICS HERE WERE WATERGATE AND AFTERMATH, VIEWED IN HISTORICAL CONTEXT, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS. Q AND A SESSION OF APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES

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FOLLOWED. THANKS TO AVAILABILITY OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION

EQUIPMENT ORIGINALLY PROVIDED BY GOC FOR UNCTAD MEETING AND FIRST-RATE TRANSLATOR, EXCHANGES WERE RAPID. HUNTINGTON ADVANCED POST'S FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES WITH FRANK BUT POLITE EXPOSITION U.S. CURRENT POSITION ON SUCH KEY ITEMS AS FOREIGN AID, HUMAN RIGHTS, EXPLAINING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA POINTS VIEW. IN PREVIOUS LUNCHEON BRIEFING PAO AND CAO HAD PREPARED HUNTINGTON FOR LIKELY TREND OF QUESTIONS AND HE WAS NEVER AT LOSS FOR ANSWERS.

3. SMALLER SESSION AT INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL STUDIES, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE (SANTIAGO) WAS ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HELD IN SEMINAR ROOM IN ENGLISH WITH 12 YOUNG PROFESSORS-GRADUATE STUDENTS PRESENT. AGAIN LIVELY AND INTERESTED Q AND A SESSION FOLLOWED. PARTICIPANTS HAD ALL ALTERED WEEKEND PLANS TO HEAR HUNTINGTON, ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE. FOLLOWING SESSION, THREE PARTICIPANTS INVITED HUNTINGTON TO LUNCH WHERE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWED.

4. DESPITE DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING PEOPLE IN TOWN OVER LONG WEEKEND FOLLOWING THURSDAY HOLIDAY, HUNTINGTON WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH SEVERAL CHILEANS OF INTEREST TO HIM. DINNER OFFERED BY AMBASSADOR AFFORDED HUNTINGTON OPPORTUNITY TO CHAT WITH SEVERAL PROMINENT CHILEANS SPECIFICALLY INVITED FOR THIS PURPOSE. ADDITIONAL INFORMAL SESSION WITH IMPORTANT GOC ADVISOR ON CONSTITUTION-DRAFTING COMMITTEE WAS ARRANGED BY PROF. ALBERT HIRSCHMAN, FORMERLY OF HARVARD, NOW OF PRINCETON, WHO HAPPENED TO BE IN SANTIAGO AT SAME TIME ON HIS OWN BUSINESS.

5. IN SUM, WE FOUND HUNTINGTON TO BE EXCELLENT STAG FOR OPENING DOORS IN MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ACADEMIC CIRCLES AND DEMONSTRATING HIGH LEVEL OF U.S. POLITICAL SCIENTISTS.  
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